Major irrigation projects

2234. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major irrigation projects in the country which are currently under construction;

(b) the details of those projects, including finances, physical targets and time schedule; and

(c) when these projects were cleared and when the construction work of each project had started?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) 181 ongoing major projects with a spillover potential of about 15 m.ha. and 18 new projects of Seventh Plan with a potential of about 1.3 m.ha are under construction. The total provision made for the major projects in Seventh Plan is Rs. 10,145 crores, and 58 major projects were identified as likely to be completed when the VII Plan was formulated. 108 of the ongoing projects were cleared in different Plans so far. The Plans in which work was started on the ongoing projects are as under:

Plan	Number
I Plan	4
II Plan	5
III Plan	16
1966—69 (Annual Plans)	6
IV Plan	26
V Plan	68
1978—80 (Annual Plans)	15
VI Plan	41
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Salem Steel Plant

2235. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Salem Steel Plant which earned profits during the year 1985-86 is currently facing a financial crisis because of various factors including the prevailing customs duty on hot rolled coil and other raw materials; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for the better performance of the Salem Steel Plant?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir. For the year 1986-87 also the Salem Steel Plant is expected to make a profit. The exact position will be known after the accounts are finalised and audited.

(b) Does not arise.

Revised demand for dronght relief to Maharashtra

2236. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra had recently submitted a revised demand to the Central Government for special aid to fight the drought situation in the state; and

(b) if so, what is the amount asked for and the decision taken by Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra has submitted a supplementary Memorandum seeking Central assistance for expenditure of Rs. 219.95 crores for drought relief in the State. A Central Team has recently visited the State to make an on-the-spot assessment of the situation. The report of the Central Team has not yet been finalised.